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SUBJECT: MEETING OF IRSG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECEMBER 9

REF: (A) LONDON A-885, (B) STATE 260521

1. REQUEST THAT GEORGE THIGPEN ATTEND SUBJECT MEETING AS
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE.

2. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS ON DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND
PROCEDURES (AGENDA ITEM 4A): SUGGEST THAT PARAGRAPH 17 BE
REVISED TO READ QUOTE THE GROUP MAY APPOINT SUCH COMMITTEES
OR ADVISORY PANELS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DEEMED
NECESSARY AND SHALL DETERMINE THEIR MEMBERSHIP AND
FUNCTIONS. UNQUOTE. PARAGRAPH 27 WOULD THEN BECOME
REDUNDANT. PARAGRAPH 21 MIGHT BE RECAST TO PROVIDE THAT
A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE GROUP MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE A
QUORUM. STIPULATING A SPECIFIC NUMBER WOULD REQUIRE AMEND-
MENT OF THE CONSTITUTION WHENEVER THERE IS A CHANGE IN
THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

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3. WE NOTE THAT PARAGRAPH 31 IS IN BRACKETS. IS IT TO BE

DROPPED? WE DOUBT NECESSITY AND PRUDENCE OF HAVING THREE PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON ACCOUNT FOR AMOUNTS UP TO 1,000 POUNDS STERLING. BELIEVE WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO

AUTHORIZE ONLY SECRETARY GENERAL TO DRAW AMOUNTS BELOW THAT LIMIT AND TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE OF EITHER CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR LARGER AMOUNTS. ANOTHER SOLUTION MIGHT BE TO AUTHORIZE SECGEN AND CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO DRAW SMALL CHECKS AND REQUIRE SIGNATURES OF SECGEN AND CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OR OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR LARGER CHECKS. SINCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GENERALLY MADE UP OF LONDON-BASED REPS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES THIS WOULD INCREASE LIKELIHOOD THAT CO-SIGNER WOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE.

4. WE ASSUME THAT REPRESENTATIVES AT DECEMBER 9 MEETING WILL ONLY EXCHANGE VIEWS AND PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING IN MARCH AT WHICH TIME FINAL DRAFT WOULD BE NEGOTIATED AND RECOMMENDED TO GROUP FOR FORMAL ADOPTION AT NEXT GROUP MEETING.

5. WE HAVE NO COMMENTS ON OTHER AGENDA ITEMS. KISSINGER

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